



*We learn. We show respect.
We are safe.*

Thursday 11th June, 2020

"Golden Past, Bright Futures"

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Clunes Primary School Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

2020

Optional 2020 Learning from Home Survey- links/ hard copy forwarded to families next week. Years P-2 Parent Teacher Conversations- almost complete
Years 3-6 Parent Teacher Conversations- Week 10 (beginning June 15)
Semester 1 Report home to families on Tuesday 23rd June, 2020

Please contact the school/ Sonia with any questions or concerns.

The Staff Car Park has been deemed as **NOT SAFE** for use as a drop off/ collection point for students following the trial this week. Please use one of the 3 other front of school entry/exit points. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 3- Year 6 students have returned to on-site learning and our Return to School process has been smooth and very successful! We are all so very excited to have everyone back now! Thank you all for your support and mammoth efforts! Our Dept of Education Secretary – Jenny Atta has also sincerely acknowledged your impressive efforts overleaf.



Our School Captain Benji and Vice-Captain Charlie welcomed all students back to school on Tuesday morning! It was a chilly minus 4 degrees but there were smiles all round!

J is for Joke...and Prep B have been entertaining us all with funny... and not so funny jokes this week. ☺
Toilet humour has been very popular, obviously, but we hope that you enjoy some of these gems.

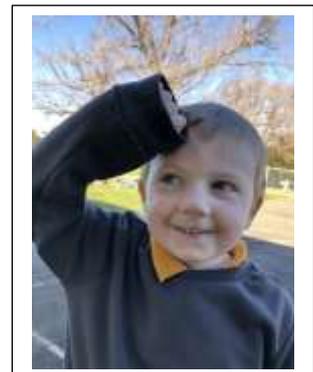
What do you get if you cross a fish with an elephant? Swimming trunks.
How do bees brush their hair? They use honeycombs.
What did one eye say to the other eye? Between us, something smells.

What do kittens like to eat? Mice cream.

Where do cows go on a Saturday night? To the Mooooovies.

What is a pirate's favourite letter? Arrrrrrrrrr.

What do you call a Train that sneezes? Achoo-choo train.



WELCOME BACK!

On behalf of the School Captains we would like to say thank you to all the teachers for supplying the at home learning packs to help things run smoothly.

Students have done an incredible job adapting to at home learning, and have developed new skills.

Thank you for keeping your distance.

By: Benji, Charlie, Sienna & Reece (School Captains 2020)

Best wishes to you all for a healthy, safe and positive week ahead. A regular newsletter will be forwarded home to all families again in Week 11. Thinking of you! Kind regards, Sonia & the staff of CPS. ☺



Department of Education and Training

Office of the Secretary

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East Melbourne Victoria 3002
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Dear parents and carers,

Term 2 in 2020 has been like no other school term in Victoria's history, and so I am writing to thank you for your support.

As you know, this week Grade 3 to Year 10 students joined Prep to Grade 2, VCE and specialist school students in face to face learning. It is great to see our school communities come together again.

In responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic over the past few months, the Department of Education and Training has asked a lot of our teachers and schools, and we have also required your support as parents and carers.

I want to acknowledge the extraordinary effort you have all made in working in partnership with your teachers and schools to support your children while they have been learning from home.

When I wrote to you a few months ago as we transitioned to remote and flexible learning, I acknowledged that it would be a challenging time for everyone, but that it was important to work closely together to provide the best possible support for students.

Many of you have since told me that there have been difficult, rewarding and challenging experiences during this unique and uncertain time that we have been through together. I thank you for your support, commitment, patience and perseverance.

But despite difficulties, I've been impressed to hear inspiring stories of education innovation. The innovative and creative approaches adopted during remote and flexible learning have been outstanding, and many schools will bring new approaches with them to on-site schooling.

Many school communities have forged even stronger relationships and partnerships — with families and teachers gaining a greater mutual appreciation of their shared contributions to school education.

Our schools now have a range of precautionary measures to protect the health and safety of your children, your family, teachers and staff, and your local community.

I hope these measures, along with the knowledge that the Victorian Chief Health Officer and Victorian Government have approached the return to on-site schooling with the utmost precaution and careful planning, have helped ease any anxiety about the return to on-site schooling.

The changes at your school are consistent with health advice, including enhanced cleaning in schools and frequent handwashing. Your school has also asked you to practice physical distancing during drop-off and pick-up times.

Your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Reassure your child that it's safe for them to go back to school and reinforce what they've been practicing at home around handhygiene

and coughing and sneezing. Reassure them that extensive cleaning is being carried out in schools and public transport to keep them safe.

Please remember the health advice: if you or your child is unwell, please stay at home. This is vital to ensuring the effective management of the pandemic.

Information about how to speak to your child about coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/Pages/talkingtoyourchildaboutcoronavirus.aspx>

Visit the Department's website for the latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) at: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you once again for working with your schools to support your children while they were learning at home and for your patience during the staged return to on-site schooling.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Atta
Secretary
Department of Education and Training

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS FOR TERM 2



Our current Term 2 You Can Do It focus is:

Resilience! Getting Along! Persistence! Organisation!

Prep B – All students! All families!	1/2B – All students! All families!
2/3LM – All students! All families!	3/4L – All students! All families!
5/6AT – All students! All families!	5/6D – All students! All families!
Art – Isabell W	Japanese- Isabell W



All students to please return School equipment items as soon as possible. Thank you! ☺ Items may include: calculators, plastic clocks and tool kits and IT devices that may have been borrowed. Thank you!



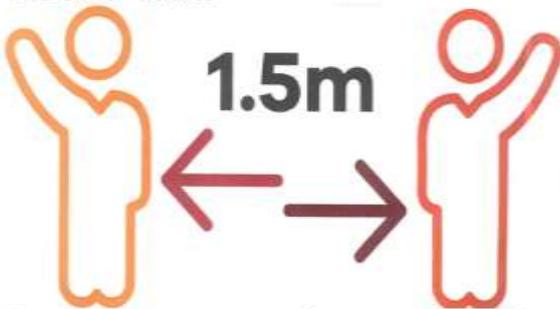
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN PLACE

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is between adults.

Please prepare your children to be collected from an external meeting point.



During drop-off and pick-up of your child remember to keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults.



Please move promptly away from the school grounds.

Please avoid the Office if at all possible!

As the main risk of introducing coronavirus to the school environment is from adults, close proximity between adult members of the school community should be avoided, particularly during school drop off and pick up. We encourage staff and parents to maintain physical distancing measures by not congregating in areas inside or outside the school.

All parents are required to stay outside the school grounds when dropping off and picking up their children, **with the exception of those with children with an ongoing heightened anxiety about returning to school, and for some of our Preps who are gaining in confidence to independently meet their families at a designated collection point.**

When doing so please ensure that appropriate 1.5 metre social distancing is adhered to between adults.

If you need to enter the school grounds for exceptional circumstances we ask that you minimise your time in and around the school grounds.

We understand that the return to school may be quite emotional for some of our students.

If your child is able to come into and leave school with a sibling or is comfortable walking into school on their own, then this is also an option for you.

Parents are encouraged to only enter the school grounds when ESSENTIAL to do so and can contact the school by either phone or email.

Department of Education and Training
Emergency Response Plan for Novel Coronavirus (COVID 19)



The Department of Education and Training has a detailed Emergency Response Plan for **Managing a suspected or a confirmed case of Covid-19.**

Schools have set procedures to follow.

For your information, the steps include:

Contacting DHHS to discuss what to do next if a student or staff member:

- Is a confirmed case
- Has been in contact with a confirmed case. (set criteria)

Informing DET by making an IRIS Incident alert and following the instructions outlined.

Ringling a dedicated DET Covid-19 Hotline.





Thank you Central Highlands Water for our donated water bottles!



Isabell's 'Clunes Township'. A very impressive recreation.



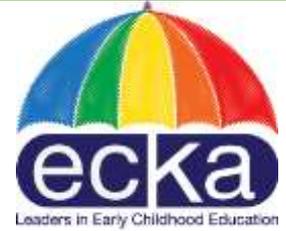
Helping to look after each other in the yard.



No drinking from the drinking fountains until further notice!



No foxes welcome at our school either! Keeping our chickens and ducks safe!



Clunes & District Pre-School Enrol Now For 2021



3 year olds &
4 Year olds



15 hours 3 sessions/week

Contact the pre-school or enrol online

www.ecka.org.au

clunes.district.kin@kindergartenvic.gov.au

Ph: 5345 3228

109 Fraser St Clunes 3370



Extremely active on-site 5/6 AT PE



Fitness circuit - impressive efforts!



Term 2 Calendar – Draft #7 11 th June 2020 new information highlighted ☺			
WEEK 1	Mon	13-Apr	Easter Monday Easter Newsletter- email Saturday 11/4
	Tue	14-Apr	Staff professional learning- STUDENT FREE DAY Telephone calls from staff to families (pm)
	Wed	15-Apr	Antoinette- Private Music Lessons CANCELLED At school UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Antoinette will make personal contact with participants. School Council Meeting – date & method TBC
	Thu	16-Apr	First Term 2 Newsletter home. Please forward to school articles for the Newsletter.
	Fri	17-Apr	NO Breakfast Club or LUNCH ORDERS in Term 2 Student Leadership meetings will continue
WEEK 2	Mon	20-Apr	
	Tue	21-Apr	
	Wed	22-Apr	School Council Meeting- online
	Thurs	23-Apr	Learning Pack collection 3-6pm
WEEK 3	Mon	27-Apr	
	Tue	28-Apr	SSG Meetings x 2
	Wed	29-Apr	
	Thu	30-Apr	Learning Pack collection- 3-6pm
	Fri	1-May	
WEEK 4	Mon	4-May	
	Wed	6-May	
	Thurs	7-May	
WEEK 5	SUN	10-MAY	MOTHER'S DAY
	Mon	11-May	
	Wed	13-May	School Council Meeting 7pm online
	Thurs	14-May	
WEEK 6	Tue	19-May	
	Wed	20-May	
	Thurs	21-May	Learning Pack collection 3-6pm (Yrs 3-6 only) - new details about our Return To School
	Fri	22-May	• Years P-2 'finishing incomplete work' / rest day
WEEK 7	Mon	25-May	STUDENT FREE DAY
	Tue	26-May	Year Prep, One & Two students return to school Multiple entry/ exits points to school. Please see details.
	Thurs	28-May	Learning Pack collection 3-6pm (Yrs 3-6 only) (last Yrs 3-6 Pack) NEWSLETTER
	Fri	29-May	Yr 7 2021 Transition docs FINAL DATE TO BE RETURNED TO CPS!
WEEK 8	Mon	1-Jun	Years P-2 Parent Teacher Conversations- Week 8 (beginning June 1)
	Tue	2-Jun	
	Wed	3-Jun	
	Thu	4-Jun	Mini Newsletter- Return to School update
	Fri	5-Jun	Yrs 3-6 'finishing incomplete work' / rest day
WEEK 9	Mon	8-Jun	Queen's Birthday- Long Weekend
	Tue	9-Jun	Year Three, Four, Five & Six students return to school
	Wed	10-Jun	School Council Meeting 7pm online
	Thu	11-Jun	Newsletter
	Fri	12-Jun	No parking in the Staff Car Park as drop off/ pick up point (following trial this week)
WEEK 10	Mon	15-Jun	Years 3-6 Parent Teacher Conversations- Week 10 (beginning June 15)
	Tue	16-Jun	
	Wed	17-Jun	
	Thu	18-Jun	
	Fri	19-Jun	
WEEK 11	Mon	22-Jun	
	Tue	23-Jun	Semester 1 Student Reports- home to families
	Wed	24-Jun	
	Thu	25-Jun	Newsletter
	Fri	26-Jun	Last day of Term 2 Casual Dress Day- no coin donation required End of School Time 2.30pm!

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Term 3 begins Monday 13th July